

Child Care Quality System: Domain 2: Learning Environment & Relationships

Ratios & Group Size Scoring Rubric for Centers

*Ratios and Group Size: Maximum 24 points:

Indicator	Assessment			
Ratios	Program maintains caregiver-to-child ratios, counting all children present including children of staff, as follows:			
4 points	0-24 months – 1:4 2 year olds – 1:6 Mixed age groups: If one to three children, age 18 through 23 months, are in a group with 2 year olds, maintain a 1:6 ratio. Otherwise, maintain the caregiver to child ratio for the youngest age in the group.			
2 points	3 year olds – 1:10			
2 points	4 year olds – 1:10	or	1 point	4 year olds - 1:12
2 points	5 year olds – 1:12	or	1 point	5 year olds – 1:15
2 points	6 year olds+ – 1:15	or	1 point	6 year olds+ – 1:18
Group Size	Program maintains group size limits as follows. If the number of children in the group is more than half of the stated group size, including children of staff, at least two caregivers are present.			
4 points	Single age groups: 0-24 months – 8 2 year olds – 12 Mixed age groups: If one to six children, age 18 to 23 months, are in a group with 2 year olds, maintain a group size of 12. Otherwise, maintain the group size for the youngest age in the group.			
2 points	3 year olds – 20			
2 points	4 year olds – 20	or	1 point	4 year olds – 24
2 points	5 year olds – 24	or	1 point	5 year olds – 30
2 points	6 year olds+ – 30	or	1 point	6 year olds+ – 36

*Based on NAEYC Accreditation standards. For points to be awarded, all children of the age group must be in a classroom that meets the required ratios or group size.